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OFFICE MEMO

TO: Chief, Saigon Bureau, FBIS
FROM: Army Attache, American Embassy, Saigon
SUBJECT: Value of Saigon Bureau FBIS File

1. The selected portion of the file made available to this office has been of interest and value as general background information on some military intelligence subjects. Even though the volume has been small and has come to us at infrequent intervals, it comprises the most current information on activities north of the 17th Parallel that we receive. If for no other reason, this makes it important.

2. We cannot overlook the fact, also, that some day something of material importance to military intelligence might be disclosed in one of the intercepts.

3. If the Saigon Bureau is closed, we will lose the value of the currency of the information received, whatever its quality might be; and, in the event something important from a military intelligence standpoint should someday be included, we could be caught in the undesirable position of being the last to hear of it.

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